Governor Roy Cooper proclaimed June 19 as Juneteenth Day in North Carolina, honoring the oldest known commemoration of the abolition of slavery in the United States. “As we celebrate Black heritage, history and freedom, it’s critical that we also take this opportunity to both celebrate the progress we’ve made and accept the challenge we still face to achieve true racial equality,” said Governor Cooper. “By addressing the systemic racism that has been in our communities for centuries, we can create a more just and equitable future.”

Juneteenth marks the day in 1865 when Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas and announced the news of freedom, reaching some of the last enslaved men and women in the United States. Despite over 150 years of progress since the abolition of slavery, Black communities still face economic, institutional, and social barriers.

In June 2020, Gov. Cooper established the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force to address the longstanding, systemic disparities in communities of color. He also created the North Carolina Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice to acknowledge and eliminate systemic racial bias in criminal justice.

Read the Governor’s Proclamation.

State Government Leaders Set Vision

Governor Cooper along with state leaders, including Department of Administration Secretary Pamela B. Cashwell and HUB Director Tammie Hall, met in June to set the vision for the next three years. The vision includes working towards a more open and transparent state government, recognizing systemic practices that have been barriers to success, and further incorporating the inclusion of HUB businesses. State leaders are working to create impactful and lasting changes in 2021 for the betterment of North Carolina.

Black Business Forum

In conjunction with Juneteenth, the Black Business Forum was held on June 25th. The half-day session was presented by ResiINC, NC Department of Administration, Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses, and State of North Carolina. Governor Cooper, ResilNC and HUB Director Tammie Hall, alongside industry leaders in entrepreneurship, finance, and advisory services, provided insight and direction on subjects to propel black businesses back into the workforce in 2021. The topics included:

- Access to Capital: The Right Capital at the Right Time
- Contract Academy: Selling to Government & Corporate Supply Chains
- State of Play for Underestimated Entrepreneurs across the State

"The state's Black businesses still do not get their fair share of work from state agencies. To achieve equitable business outcomes in NC, state and local governments must renew their commitment to equitable procurement statewide, via our largest public-sector budgets. The stronger the commitments, the lower the hurdles to access, the better the outcomes will be." - ResiINC

Thank you to all who participated! Find out more about ResiINC.

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KORAK HEALTHSOURCE GROUP, INC
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McMullan & Associates, Inc
Midbar Consulting LLC
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NC Siding & Exteriors, LLC
Nelson Notes LLC
New Beginnings Hair Studio, LLC
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Penn Paper
PetersonRaebex, Inc
PIEDMONT ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTORS OF GREENVILLE
PJA Inc
Platt Transportation LLC
Precision Signs Inc
Pulmonix, LLC
R&L Consulting, LLC
RebFor LLC
Resurrection Lawn Service LLC
RILEY CONTRACTING GROUP, INC
Rowboat Dock & Dredge of South Carolina
S. Patterson Events Management, LLC
Sadler Landscaping, LLC
Sakom Netanak LLC
Serenity Notebooks & Lattes LLC
SOUTHEAST BRIDGE FL CORP
Speights Construction and Supply Corp
T&T Consulting, LLC
Take Charge EEO Services, LLC
TEMPORARY CONNECTIONS INC
Texcido LLC
The Akana Group Inc
The Barr Group of Nashville, Inc.
The Communications Doctor
Triangle Bakery
Truesdale Lawn Service Inc
U & L Contractors, LLC
USA Concrete and Contractual Services
Value Based Design, llc
VANGUARD SERVICE INC
Victor1 Lawn Care, LLC
VIGOR BIOPHARMA SOLUTIONS, INC
Vision Resources, Inc.
VMA Construction, INC
VMA Construction, INC
Ward Family Construction, LLC
Watlington Construction, LLC
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Woman With A Weapon, LLC
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